Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of Claims 1-29 in view of the amendment to Applicant's Specification below:

In the Specification

At page 1, immediately following line 6, insert the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO COPENDING APPLICATION

The present application is a continuation-in-part application to copending application 08/904,716, entitled "Data Processing System for Complex Pricing and Transactional Analysis" to Robert A. Foster, which was filed on August 1, 1997, issued as U.S. Patent 6,052,672 on April 18, 2000, and assigned to Financial Systems Technology Pty Ltd., which is also the Assignee of the present application.

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